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REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for a telephone interview on Monday, July 17, 2006. Claim 60 has been cancelled and claims 62, 64 and 71 amended.

Applicants also submit a revised declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 stating that Dr. Christopher J. Noren and Karen E. Sandman are the sole inventors of the present claimed invention filed in May 1999 (Noren declaration ¶4).

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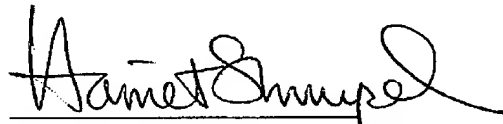
CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that this case is in condition for immediate allowance. Early and favorable consideration leading to prompt issuance of this Application is earnestly solicited.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 14-0740 for the fee of \$395 for the request for continued examination and for any deficiencies that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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